## Before the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance

In the matter of:	)	
	)	File Number 2000-101411
Rashii T. Brisbon,	)	
	)	Default Order Revoking
3137 Winding Creek Drive	)	Resident Insurance Agent's License
Loris, South Carolina 29569.	)	

This matter comes before me pursuant to a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing served, as required within S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (Supp. 1999), by the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance upon Rashii T. Brisbon, by both certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail on July 18, 2000.

That letter informed Brisbon of his right to request a public hearing upon the allegations of impropriety contained within the letter against him. The letter further warned him that failure to make a timely, written request for a hearing would result in my summary revocation of his license to do business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina. Despite that warning, Brisbon has failed to respond to the Department's letter. On July 31, 2000, therefore, counsel for the Department filed an Affidavit of Default, and the entire matter was submitted directly to me for my summary decision based solely on the record.

The letter alleged, and I now find as fact, that while licensed to do business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina for Monumental Life Insurance Company, Brisbon failed to forward or satisfactorily account for \$378.10 in insurance premiums collected from citizens of this State.

S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 (Supp. 1999) provides the Director or his designee "may revoke or suspend an agent's license after ten day's notice...when it appears that an agent...has violated this title or any regulation promulgated by the department, or has willfully deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State." This Code Section goes on within Subsection (3) to describe "deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State" specifically to include, "failing to transmit promptly or pay all or a portion of the amount of an insurance premium when the agent...has received payment from a customer or insured."

In accordance with my findings of fact, and considering Brisbon's failure to avail himself of his opportunity to be heard, I now conclude, as a matter of law, that Brisbon violated S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 (Supp. 1999) and that his resident insurance agent's license should be revoked.

This administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's, *Freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10, *et seq.* (1991 and Supp. 1999). Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit or to deprive any person of any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-110(4) (Supp. 1999), of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the law relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report."

It is, therefore, ordered that the license of Rashii T. Brisbon to do business as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina be, and is hereby, revoked, and that no license issued through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance is to be issued to him.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order shall be transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its current member states and to each insurer for which Rashii T. Brisbon is currently licensed, through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance, as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina.

This order becomes effective as of the date of my signature below.

Ernst N. Csiszar

Director

## Before the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance

In the matter of:	)	
	)	Affidavit of Default
Rashii T. Brisbon,	)	
	)	
3137 Winding Creek Drive	)	File Number 2000-101411
Loris, South Carolina 29569.	)	
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Personally appeared before me T. Douglas Concannon, who, being duly sworn, stated that at all times relevant to this Affidavit of Default he was an attorney representing the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance (the Department) in this administrative action. He further stated the following:

The Department served notice on Brisbon at the address detailed above by a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing that the Department would request the Director of Insurance to summarily revoke his license to act as a resident insurance agent within the State of South Carolina in ten days. The Department served that notice, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (Supp. 1999), by "depositing it in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the person and registered with the return receipt requested." That letter further notified Brisbon of his opportunity, within ten days, to request in writing a public hearing.

The United States Postal Service effected service of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, on or about July 18, 2000. Brisbon has made no request for a public hearing or any other response to the notice. The time in which to do so has expired. He is now in default.

T. Douglas Concannon Associate General Counsel

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2000.

Christiline P. Lewis, Notary Public My Commission Expires 11/20/06

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## Before the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the matter of:	)	
	)	File Number 103424
Kathy D. Brooks,	)	
	)	Consent Order
9262 Hwy 34	)	Imposing Administrative Penalty
Newberry, South Carolina 29108.	)	
	)	

This matter comes before me pursuant to an agreement entered into between the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance and Kathy D. Brooks, a licensed South Carolina resident insurance agent.

Brooks admits, and I hereby find as fact, that she failed to timely pay the continuing education fee (the CE fee) required by S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-106(D) (Supp.1999). This act can ultimately lead to the revocation of Brooks's license to transact the business of insurance as an agent in South Carolina following a public hearing at the Administrative Law Judge Division pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 (Supp.1999).

Prior to the initiation of any administrative proceedings by the Department against her, Brooks and the Department agreed to submit the entire matter to me, along with their specific recommendation, for my summary decision, rather than to proceed toward a formal public hearing. The consensual recommendation was that, in lieu of the Department seeking to revoke Brooks's insurance agent's license, she would waive her right to a public hearing and immediately pay the CE fee and an administrative fine in the total amount of \$250.

Section 38-43-106(D) of the South Carolina Code makes insurance agents "responsible for payment to the continuing education administrator of a reasonable annual fee for operation of the continuing education program." Section § 38-43-130 states, in pertinent part, that the Director of Insurance may revoke an agent's license "when it appears that an agent...has violated this title or any regulation promulgated by the Department, or has willfully deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State."

After a thorough review of the record, carefully considering the recommendation of the parties, and pursuant to my findings of fact, I hereby conclude as a matter of law, that Brooks has violated S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-106(D) (Supp. 1999) and that I can now revoke her resident insurance agent's license. However, under the discretionary authority provided to me within S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 and 25A SC Code Ann. Reg. 69-50 §VIII (Supp. 1999), I hereby impose against Brooks an administrative fine in the total amount of \$250. [Name 2] must pay the required CE fee and that fine within ten days of the date of my signature upon this consent order. If she does not timely pay that total fine amount, or if she does not provide proof of her having timely paid the CE fee, her resident insurance agent's license will be revoked without any further disciplinary proceedings.

The parties have reached this agreement in consideration of the Department having never taken any administrative disciplinary action against Brooks on this issue before and of her assurance that in the future she will comply with the state's insurance laws, particularly that of timely paying the CE fee. The parties expressly agree and understand Brooks's payment of the agreed-upon penalty constitutes full accord and satisfaction of this matter.

By her signature upon this consent order, Brooks acknowledges that she understands that this administrative order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's *Freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10, *et seq*. (1991 and Supp. 1999). Nothing contained within this administrative order should be construed to limit, or to deprive any person of, any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement officer or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative order should be construed to limit the statutory duty, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-110 (Supp. 1999), of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the laws relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which she considers necessary to report."

It is, therefore, ordered that Kathy D. Brooks shall, within ten days of the date of my signature on this consent order, pay through the Department an administrative fine in the total amount of \$250, pay to the CE Administrator the CE fee required, and provide the Department proof of her payment by that date.

It is further ordered that a copy of this consent order be immediately transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its member states and a copy be placed in Brooks's licensing file.

This consent order becomes effective as of the date of my signature below.

Ernst N. Csiszar

Director

Date 7/26, 2000, at Columbia, South Carolina

I CONSENT:

Kathy D. Brooks

9262 Hwy 34

Newberry, South Carolina 29108

Dated this day of day of day, 2000